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1. FOLLOWING IS CURRENT PICTURE OF PLANNED CONGRESSIONAL
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PRESENTATION OF ADMINISTRATION REQUEST FOR SECURITY

SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE:

2. SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE. MODEST REALLOCATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN COUNTRY LEVELS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REFS B, C, AND D). AS RESULT OF ADJUSTMENTS, FY 1977 REQUEST LEVELS FOR EGYPT, JORDAN AND SYRIA ARE EXPECTED TO BE KEPT AT FY 76 REQUEST LEVELS: EGYPT, \$750 MILLION; JORDAN, \$77.5 MILLION; AND SYRIA, \$90 MILLION. PLANNED REQUEST FOR ISRAEL IS NOW \$785 MILLION. THESE ADJUSTMENTS HAVE ENABLED US TO "STRAIGHT LINE, FY 1976 REQUEST LEVELS FOR EGYPT, JORDAN AND SYRIA INTO FY 77 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION.

3. FMS/MAP. \$70 MILLION FOR MAP AND \$75 MILLION IN FMS (CREDIT GUARANTEES) ARE PLANNED FOR JORDAN. \$1 BILLION IN FMS (HALF ON BASIS OF WAIVER OF PAYMENT AND HALF CREDIT GUARANTEES) PLANNED FOR ISRAEL.

4. AMMAN'S REQUEST (REF A) THAT \$4 MILLION IN BUDGET AUTHORITY BE SHIFTED FROM SA TO FMS TO ALLOW TEN-FOLD EXPANSION OF FINANCING UNDER FMS CREDIT GUARANTEES WAS RAISED UNSUCCESSFULLY.

5. NO RPT NO SA, FMS, OR MAP ASSISTANCE REQUESTED FOR EGYPT, ISRAEL, JORDAN OR SYRIA IN CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION FOR INTERIM QUARTER.

6. IN PROCESS OF REACHING BUDGETARY DECISIONS ON MAP, SA, AND FMS LEVELS FOR FY 1977, FOLLOWING PLANNING FIGURES HAVE ALSO BEEN SET FOR PL 480 TITLE I ASSISTANCE: EGYPT, \$150 MILLION; ISRAEL, \$9 MILLION; SYRIA, \$10 MILLION. WE ALSO EXPECT PL 480 LEVEL FOR JORDAN OF \$6 MILLION.

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